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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. NOMOTO, et al

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Examiner: M. C. Heck

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 27, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.